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MADRID FOR ECON HIGGINS, PARIS FOR SCICOUNS/NASA REP BARRY

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SUBJECT: LAUNCH OF SPACE SHUTTLE MISSION STS-125

[1](#)1. SPACE SHUTTLE MISSION STS-125, ATLANTIS (OV-104), WILL LAUNCH FROM KENNEDY SPACE CENTER (KSC), FLORIDA, NO EARLIER THAN MAY 11, 2009. THE LAUNCH WINDOW OPENS AT 13:42 EDT, (17:42 UTC/GMT) AND IS 62 MINUTES LONG. NOMINAL END OF MISSION LANDING AT KSC IS SCHEDULED FOR NO EARLIER THAN MAY 22, 2009 AT 11:42 EDT (15:42 UTC/GMT).

[1](#)2. MORON AIR BASE, SPAIN IS THE PRIMARY TRANSOCEANIC ABORT LANDING SITE (TAL). THERE ARE NO ALTERNATE TAL SITES FOR THIS MISSION.

[1](#)3. OES/SAT WILL STAFF THE JOINT STATE-NASA SHUTTLE MONITORING GROUP IN THE DEPARTMENT'S OPERATIONS CENTER FOR THE LIFT-OFF PERIOD. THE OPERATIONS CENTER WILL ESTABLISH A CONFERENCE CALL TELEPHONE LINK BETWEEN THE MONITORING GROUP AND SHUTTLE CONTROL OFFICERS AT EMBASSY MADRID AND EMBASSY PARIS, AT APPROX. ONE HALF HOUR PRIOR TO LIFT-OFF. SHUTTLE MONITORING GROUP CONTROL OFFICERS ARE OES/SAT, DORIETHA JACKSON AND NEEVY VAN LANINGHAM, AND SHARI KAMM, NASA.
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